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SUBJ: FRG PROPOSALS ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND HUMAN
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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM COUNSELOR OF FRG EMBASSY HERE
THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO GERMANS DISCUSSED OVERALL TERRORISM
ISSUE WITH GOS AND FOUND SINGAPORE TO BE IN GENERAL ACCORD
THAT THERE SHOULD BE A WORLD-WIDE AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM. HOWEVER, GOS AT THAT TIME EXPRESSED PESSIMISM THAT
THE UN WOULD ULTIMATELY APPROVE ANY EFFECTIVE INITIATIVE TO
COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

2. RECENTLY, GERMAN AMBASSADOR RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS (APPAR-
ENTLY ALSO ADDRESSED TO FRG EMBASSIES IN OTHER THIRD WORLD
COUNTRIES THOUGHT TO BE SYMPATHETIC) TO DISCUSS BOTH THE FRG
TERRORISM AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSALS WITH THE GOS. HOWEVER,
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AMBASSADOR REPLIED TO BONN THAT ANOTHER GENERAL DISCUSSION

OF TERRORISM WOULD SERVE LITTLE PURPOSE, AND PROPOSED DISCUSSING THE MATTER FURTHER WHEN A TEXT OF THE TERRORISM DRAFT WAS AVAILABLE. FRG EMBASSY ALSO DEMURRED ON REQUEST TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS WITH GOS, IN VIEW OF GOS SENSITIVITIES ON THIS SUBJECT STEMMING FROM ATTACKS WITHIN SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.

3. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SINGAPORE PROBABLY WOULD VOTE FOR A TERRORISM CONVENTION IF A MAJORITY OF UN MEMBERS ALSO SEEMED TO FAVOR IT. HOWEVER, SINGAPORE VALUES ITS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TIES WITH CERTAIN MID EAST AND OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES LIKELY TO OPPOSE ANTI-TERRORISM AGREEMENT, AND WILL BE RELUCTANT TO RISK OFFENDING THESE COUNTRIES BY TAKING A STRONG PUBLIC POSITION ON THE ISSUE.

4. ALTHOUGH GOS MIGHT VOTE FOR A TERRORISM CONVENTION, WE THINK IT WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO RATIFY IT. IN ONLY TERRORIST ACTION IN SINGAPORE TO DATE (JRA ATTACK ON SHELL OIL TANKS AT PULAU BUKOM IN 1974), GOS AVOIDED TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS AND PRESSURED GOJ TO FLY THEM OUT TO KUWAIT. ALTHOUGH SAFETY OF HOSTAGES WAS A FACTOR, PRIME MINISTER LEE'S PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS THAT JRA WOULD TAKE RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST SINGAPORE'S EXPOSED AND VULNERABLE OIL REFINING INDUSTRY IF GOS ATTEMPTED TO ARREST AND PROSECUTE THE TERRORISTS. IN GENERAL, GOS PREFERS TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN DEALING WITH CRISIS SITUATIONS, AND WE THINK GOS WOULD THINK VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE RESTRICTING IN ADVANCE ITS OPTIONS IN DEALING WITH A TERRORIST PROBLEM BY RATIFYING A CONVENTION REQUIRING EXTRADITION OR PROSECUTION OF TERRORISTS. HOLDRIDGE

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